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CELLULAR PROLIFERATION ASSOCIATED WITH INFLAMMATORY DISEASE  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

In response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 4) issued May 5, 1999, in parent application ser. no. 09/159,335, please amend claims 1 and 6 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for inhibiting unwanted cellular proliferation associated with an inflammatory disease, said method comprising the step of contacting a cell the proliferation of which contributes to inflammation *in situ* with an effective amount of

a compound having the formula:

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